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# IA LEARNS

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## New Education Catalog

### IAlearns Debuts This Week

State Library management and staff are proud to announce a new and improved learning management system—**IAlearns!** This new online tool combines the current continuing education catalog and Moodle into one space, becoming a central location for all things related to continuing education. The new system will be ready later this week—look for an important email coming on **September 24** about setting up your **IAlearns** account.

Using **IAlearns**, librarians, staff, and trustees can:

- Register for live courses (in-person or online)
- View a collection of courses from the webinar archive
- Count hours towards your endorsement renewal (from live courses, archived courses, and outside education providers)
- Receive reminders when your endorsement renewal (recertification) comes due

Continuing Education Consultant Samantha Bouwers has more: *“On September 24, you should receive an email from **IAlearns** software with your username and password. Follow the instructions to reset your password. There's also a ‘Welcome to IAlearns’ video included in that email which we encourage you to watch. This video will also display the first time you log into **IAlearns**. Special Note: if you had registered for classes in the previous catalog, those registrations should be reflected when you log into the new system. If you don't see them, you can either re-register **OR** reach out to me for more help [samantha.bouwers@iowa.gov](mailto:samantha.bouwers@iowa.gov)”*

Samantha has developed a Q&A that she shared last week in her **September Continuing Education Newsletter** (9/17/20) Here are just a few of the questions sure to be top-of-mind; refer back to Sam's newsletter of last week **OR** email her if you don't see your question in the mix.

### **What classes will I find in IAlearns?**

We've taken the two locations where we currently store CE courses (the self-paced courses accessed through Moodle and the chronological listing of archived webinars) and merged them into one location—**IAlearns**. This is now where you'll find all recorded content in one place, arranged by topic. You'll also find links to register for any classes that are happening live in-person or online.

### **What about certification for newly hired directors and staff?**

The State Library's Education Team continues working on the transition from the former certification program—well known for decades as the PLM and PLS courses—to a new program we're calling the **Endorsement Academy**. So while that transition work continues, you won't find (just YET) the endorsement courses. Team members are still recording the content and are still committed to having the new **Endorsement Academy** ready-to-roll in 2021.

### **What if my c.e. credits renewal data is not correct?**

Your data should be correct unless you're one of those early birds who sent in your 2020 renewal credits already! Sam has been focused on getting **IAlearns** polished and hasn't gone through any credit renewals yet. You should that information available by the end of the year.

**Stay Tuned For More!**

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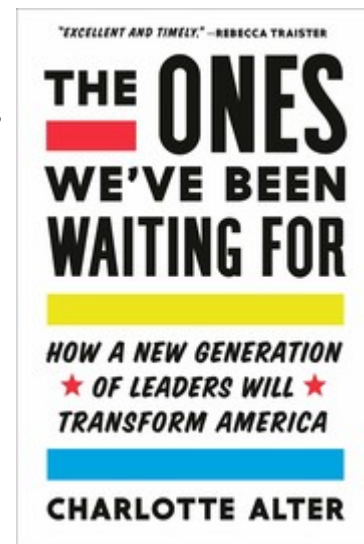
## **Next Big Ideas Book Discussion**

**November 6**  
**[The Ones We've Been Waiting For](#)**

It's time to acquire the next title in the **Big Ideas Book Discussion** series. On **November 6<sup>th</sup>** (9:30-11:00AM) we'll take up the last book in the line-up for 2020: [The Ones We've Been Waiting For: How a New Generation of Leaders of Leaders Will Transform America](#) (c2020) by Charlotte Alter.

This book is an in-depth look at the millennial generation, showing how young people are stepping into public service, challenging and changing the status quo. Here's more from Amazon "...A new generation is stepping up. There are now twenty-six millennials in Congress--a fivefold increase gained in the 2018 midterms alone. They are governing Midwestern cities and college towns, running for city councils, and serving in state legislatures. They are acting urgently on climate change because they will live it. They care deeply about student debt because they have it. They are utilizing big tech because they understand it.

*In The Ones We've Been Waiting For, TIME correspondent Charlotte Alter defines the class of young leaders who are remaking the nation ... and who will govern the future..."*



### About Big Ideas Book Discussions

State Library staff and guest stars facilitate discussions using books outside of library management, but with plenty of application to library management. Choosing books on leadership, civic engagement, presentation skills, etc. we'll connect those ideas with public library service. In addition to a great assortment of non-fiction titles there are other spin-off benefits of **Big Ideas**:

- titles help with collection development for participating libraries
- titles are good choices for local book discussion groups
- this program serves as another model for how to facilitate local book discussions

We encourage participants to purchase books used throughout the **Big Ideas** series for your own collections. And join us for the next good read: The Ones We've Been Waiting For

**PLEASE NOTE: Because of transitioning to the new IALearn's Education Catalog, this program is not yet available for registration. But keep checking back, because it will appear in the new catalog soon!**

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## Banned Books Week 2020

**September 27-October 3**

This year, **Banned Books Week**, ALA's notable public awareness campaign, is **September 27-October 3**. **Banned Books Week** celebrates the freedom to read by promoting the value of equal access to information for all ages. The 2020 theme is **"Censorship is a Dead End: Find Your Freedom to Read."**

This national recognition brings together the entire book community—libraries, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and trustees—in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider controversial and unpopular. By focusing on frequent efforts by groups and individuals seeking to



remove or restrict access to books, **Banned Books Week** draws national attention to the dangers of censorship.

The ALA [Office for Intellectual Freedom](#) (OIF) compiles lists of challenged books as reported in the media and submitted by librarians and teachers across the country. Each year, ALA tracks incidents of challenged books in public and school libraries; find the 2019 list and previous years at ALA's website

Find **Banned Books Week** resources and promotional materials by clicking the button below. And don't forget to share your plans and pictures of tabletop displays for **Banned Books Week** with each other on **LIBRARY**

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Find Banned Books Week Promos

Here's a first-time opportunity for Iowa libraries getting into **Banned Books Week**.

The Iowa Library Association and the ACLU of Iowa are holding their first ever online **BBW** trivia event. There is no cost to attend, but the groups will appreciate donations throughout the event. ILA's Samantha Helmick explains *"Questions will include a wide range of topics, and you don't need to be a censorship expert to join. Attendees can compete in teams (maximum five [5] members) or as free agents who will have the opportunity to team up with and meet other free agents who are passionate about the freedom of information! The winning team will receive an ACLU of Iowa and Iowa Library Association merch pack for each member, delivered via mail..."*

Register for ILA's Trivia Event

## Learning Ahead ...

Be on the lookout for an email generated from the new **IALearns** Catalog software--expected on **Thursday September 24th**--with information on setting up your new c.e. catalog account.

**Boardroom 2020 Continues  
October 8th**



In turning the calendar page to October, the fourth installment in **The Boardroom 2020** series happens on **Thursday evening October 8th**

(6:00-7:30PM) This year, the **Boardroom** webinars bring in concepts from a variety of books, as we connect the books' ideas to the business of library boards. In the October program, we'll look at our own publication from the State Library!

Catch a preview of the newest edition of the Iowa Library Trustees' Handbook, expected before year's end. Since 2009, the State Library of Iowa has produced a reference book for public library boards titled the Iowa Library Trustees' Handbook. It has proven to be a reliable and authoritative resource, important reading for newly appointed trustees, equally useful for experienced members. Webinar facilitators will preview chapter highlights and fresh features of the 2020 edition.

Attendance: at this webinar helps satisfy standard #8 *"...all members of the library board of trustees participate in a variety of board development training each year..."*

**If you have already registered, your registration should carry over into the new IALearns Catalog. If you haven't yet registered, wait for the new catalog to open very soon!**

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